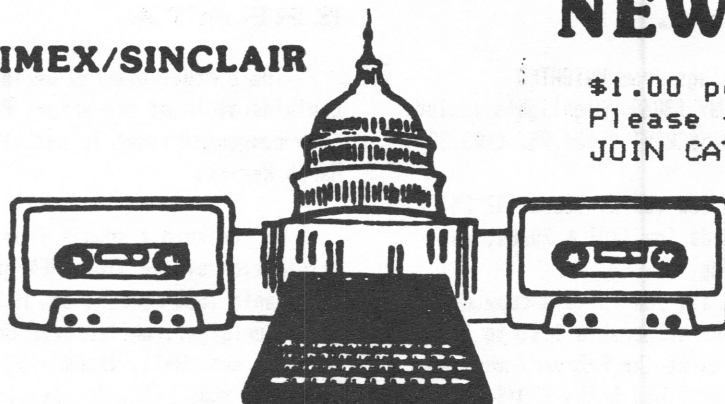


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Meeting Date Change: The next meeting of CATS will be held on Saturday, March 15. That's the third Saturday.

From the Editor

Welcome to the CATS tax issue! I hope that you'll find some of the programs in this issue to be helpful. If you don't want to use the programs, perhaps you'll be able to adopt some of the techniques used into your own programs.

We need articles. There are more than thirty MODEMs in the club: surely some of you have discovered how to get the darn things working. Since I'm one of the thirty, you can download (upload?) your completed articles to me via MODEM. An article has been promised on driving an IBM 370 from a TS2068. Articles could cover local bulletin boards, real use of the FIDO net concept, current events on the big boards (CompuServe, etc.), patches to drive 80 column printers, how to transfer files between computers, etc..

For the rest of you: you're not going to let those telecommunicators take over, are you? We'll need more general programming articles for both the 1000 and the 2068. Especially reviews!

Bulletin Boards

Bulletin Boards, or BBS, are an inexpensive way to get involved in telecommunications. Ed Braun phoned over a selection of local numbers without comment. There's a story here! Let the rest of us know what you find as you explore. Columbia: 596-3569, Annandale: 560-0979, Gaithersburg: 428-7931, Great Falls: 759-5049, Rockville: 949-8848, Potomac: 424-5817, Arlington: 360-3393. Have fun!

Last Meeting

The hardware sessions are maturing: attendance is steady at around 20, but the scope of activity has broadened from the single project focus of the first meetings to a variety of jobs, large and small. Tom Bent is still in the thick of things, but other folks are taking responsibility for helping their neighbors, and the buzz of activity is hard to describe.

The "main" meeting was infected by the tail end of the hardware meeting. Folks had gotten so involved in their projects, they didn't bother moving in for the more formal part. It was disappointing for the formal presenters, but I think it says good things about the health of the club. We covered misc. questions in the first half, and a demo of machine to machine transfer of files via MODEM.

Next Meeting

There is a possibility that the principal force behind Zebra Systems may come down from New York. Zebra has brought us such things as the OS64 cartridge board, the \$24.95 version of MSCRIPT, and the 2068 version of the Koala Pad graphics tablet. It will be interesting to see where Zebra is going in the future.

As mentioned above, the next meeting will be held on the third Saturday of March, at the usual meeting place. This is not a permanent change - we'll be back to every second Saturday for the rest of the year.

New Products, Etc.

We've received 2068 and QL catalogs from KNIGHTED COMPUTERS, 707 Highland St., Fulton NY 13069. Highlights include Omnicalc 2 for the 2068 @ \$19.50 and MSCRIPT @ \$24.95. (+\$3.00 p&h)

BUDGET ROBOTICS & COMPUTING, PO Box 18616, Tucson AZ 85731 sends word of buffered expansion boards for ZX81 & 2068s, as well as a line of robot control boards.

ZEBRA SYSTEMS should be sending all you folks a copy of their catalog - a motion to supply our membership list to Zebra for that purpose passed by acclamation at the February meeting. Notable in their flyer is an offer for Timex books @ 3/\$12.00. Titles include Inside the TS2000, TS2068 Intermediate/Advanced Guide, & Master's Vu-Calc & Vu-File. (+\$3.00 p&h)

SUNSET ELECTRONICS, 2254 Taraval St., San Francisco CA 94116 is offering Westridge Modems, uncased, but with power supply, @ \$29.95. 415-665-8330.

If you're more adventurous, check with GLEN CLIFFORD or ED GREY. They're offering a "Hacker's Special." 4 modem boards, 2 untested, 2 known bad, with one set of cables and info on troubleshooting. \$10.00 to start, with price to rise as time goes on (???). Glen Clifford, 13910 Halldale Ave., Gardena CA 90249: (213) 516-6648.

Jules Gesang sends word that a sample database is available from GENIE: Dial (800) 638-8369; when you get through, type HHH (to set baud rate to 300); then VJM1999, GENIE. You get 15 minutes to explore what this database can offer.

GTE TELENET is offering an off-hours long distance service to major cities: \$25.00 flat rate for unlimited off-hours time. If you are getting into the bulletin board habit, this might keep your phone bill from looking like a ransom note. Phone PC Pursuit at 800 835-3001 or 703 689-2987 with your MODEM for a description of how it works. If you want to talk to a human, try 800 368-4215

If you are as confused as everyone else about how to use MTERM II, send \$8.00 to: BARRY CARTER, PO Box 614, Warren, MI 48090. In return, you'll get a copy of his booklet on using the advanced features of MTERM II.

John Burns, of the Atlanta TSUG, mentions a second enhancement for MTERM II: LOADER IV enhances MTERM, adding 20 extra auto-dial numbers, and allowing simple transmission of text files and machine code. Send \$7.95 to KURT CASBY, 25 Battle Creek Court, St. Paul, MN 55119.

AUTOMATED OFFICE PRODUCTS, (301) 927-9101 (Riverdale), sent us a flyer announcing a printer ribbon cartridge reloading service. I haven't checked their prices yet, but let me know if you'd be interested in doing a club ribbon collection.

DEADLINE DATES

Meeting	Newsletter
March 22	March 15
April 19	April 12
May 17	May 10

ERRATA

The circuit diagram of the TS 2068 (January CATS n/1) contains at least one error. Pin B-4 on the external connector (non-component side) is not +15V DC. It is +5V DC. Thanks to March Renick.

We received a squawk from the Atlanta TSUG, correcting my attribution of the STAR TREK game to the LIST group. Apparently, an Atlanta TSUG member, Dr. Mahaffey translated it from the PDP-11 original, while their Editor, Bret Lanius, wrote the instructions. Well, thank you, Dr. Mahaffey, thank you, Bret; and thank you, LIST, for getting it on your library tape.

SAVE THOSE RIBBON CARTRIDGES!

I mentioned Automated Office Products in my New Products Etc. column. I've just been talking with Greyson O'Kane, and found that they will refill your old cartridge, beating the best price I've heard of for new Prowriter cartridges. So - bring in your old cartridges to the March meeting, and save! They will do single cartridges, but they're giving us a price (\$2.50 each), and a block of cartridges would be less trouble for them. If you don't have a Prowriter, bring in your cartridges anyway; they'll refill any cartridge (prices may vary - he said the Prowriter cartridge was a piece of cake). Grayson may be at the March meeting.

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COMPOUND INTEREST FOR 2K TS1000:

This handy 2K program for computing compound interest features an interesting screen display and the option of changing your input values to compare possible investment strategies. If you keep a 16K memory pack hooked up to your machine, begin by first lowering RAMTOP to 2K by direct command: POKE 16389,72. NEW. Now type in the program, and SAVE. Your tape may now be used on either an unexpanded 2K TS1000 or a large memory configuration.

NOTE: If INKEY\$ is any key other than (I),(P),or (T), the program retains the old values of these variables and returns the user to the menu. This arrangement eliminates a redundant error-catching routine.

HINT: When asked for "term in days", you may input an expression like "5*365" saving a lot of figuring in your head.

Phil Doughty 55 Vassar Ave.
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10 LET X$="COMPOUND I
N T E R E S T"
20 GOSUB 360
30 GOSUB 260
40 LET A=INT (100*P*(1+I/100)*
*(T/365))/100
50 CLS
60 GOSUB 360
70 PRINT "#";P;"; INVESTED AT
";I;";% FOR"
80 PRINT T;"; DAYS, OR"
90 PRINT TAB 14;INT ((T/30.416
66)*100+.5)/100;"; MONTHS, OR"
100 PRINT TAB 14;INT ((T/365)*1
00+.5)/100;"; YEARS YIELDS:"
110 PRINT "#";A-P;"; INTEREST"
120 PRINT "FOR A TOTAL OF #";A
130 PRINT
140 PRINT "CHANGES? PRESS LETTE
R OF CHOICE."
150 PRINT
160 PRINT "(I)INTEREST RATE"
170 PRINT "(P)RINCIPAL"
180 PRINT "(T)ERM IN DAYS"
190 PRINT
200 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 200
210 PRINT "ENTER (;INKEY$;)"
220 IF INKEY$="I" THEN INPUT I
230 IF INKEY$="P" THEN INPUT P
240 IF INKEY$="T" THEN INPUT T
250 GOTO 40
260 PRINT "INTEREST RATE: ";
270 INPUT I
280 PRINT I;";%";
290 PRINT "PRINCIPAL: ";
300 INPUT P
310 PRINT P
320 PRINT "TERM IN DAYS: ";
330 INPUT T
340 PRINT T
350 RETURN
360 PRINT
370 PRINT X$
380 FOR X=1 TO 8
390 PRINT "-----";
400 NEXT X
410 PRINT
420 RETURN

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at times doesn't work for Input(T)

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Tax Code for 1985

Here is an update of the tax code. It is designed for those who use the 1040 and itemize deductions.

If you have the version of this code for 1984 then you need only change lines 9,38,40,42,50,100, 162,330, 480,550-570,684,850,and 900.

The program is menu driven and has the advantage that you may change any entry and recalculate the tax. Menu item 5 causes the input variable list to be printed out. This list is needed to make input changes. Results can be saved on tape for later revision.

R. A. Schrack

```
8 REM *****
9 REM R.A. Schrack - 1985
10 REM Tax Preparation code
11 REM *****
12 DIM M$(36,20)
14 DIM V(36)
16 DIM R(4)
18 DIM S(4)
20 LET R(1)=14
22 LET R(2)=14
24 LET R(3)=16
26 LET R(4)=17
30 LET S(1)=273
32 LET S(2)=273
34 LET S(3)=313
36 LET S(4)=341
37 GO TO 100
38 PRINT AT 11,0;"ENTER 3540 I
F MARRIED FILING JOINTLY OR QUAL
IFYING WIDOW."
39 PRINT
40 PRINT "ENTER 2390 IF SINGLE
OR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD."
41 PRINT
42 PRINT "ENTER 1770 IF MARRIE
D FILING SEPARATE RETURN."
44 RETURN
50 CLS : PRINT AT 3,5;"Federal
Income Tax 1985"
52 PRINT
54 PRINT "Enter number of choi
ce from menu"
56 PRINT
58 PRINT "1. Fresh start"
60 PRINT "2. Correction run"
62 PRINT "3. Input data listin
g"
64 PRINT "4. Results listing"
66 PRINT "5. Input data index
listing"
68 PRINT "6. Save program on t
ape"
70 PRINT
72 PRINT "Do not use RUN to re
start the program- it will er
ase all your data! Use GO TO 50
instead."
74 PRINT "You will need the in
put data index listing before
you make a correction run."
76 INPUT z
78 CLS
80 IF z=1 THEN GO TO 12
82 IF z=3 THEN GO TO 350
84 IF z=4 THEN GO TO 680
86 IF z=5 THEN GO TO 1000
88 IF z=6 THEN GO TO 9000
90 PRINT AT 3,5;"Give index of
value to be changed."
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92 INPUT k: IF k<=0 OR k>36 TH
EN GO TO 92
93 PRINT : PRINT "Give new val
ue of ";m$(k);" = ";
94 INPUT v(k)
95 PRINT v(k)
96 PRINT : PRINT "give an R to
recalculate tax or ENTER for an
other correction."
97 PAUSE 0: CLS : IF INKEY$="R
" THEN GO TO 250
98 CLS : GO TO 90
100 LET M$(1)="6F NUMBER OF EXE
MPTIONS"
102 LET M$(2)="7 SALARIES,WAGE
S,TIPS"
104 LET M$(3)="8 INTEREST INCO
ME"
106 LET M$(4)="9c ADJUSTED DIV
IDENDS"
108 LET M$(5)="10 REFUND STATE
INC.TAX"
110 LET M$(6)="12 BUSINESS INCO
ME (C)"
112 LET M$(7)="13 CAPITAL GAINS
(D)"
114 LET M$(8)="14 CAP. GAINS DI
ST."
116 LET M$(9)="16 TAXABLE PENSI
ONS"
118 LET M$(10)="18 RENTS,ROYALT
IES (E)"
120 LET M$(11)="19 FARM INCOME
(F)"
122 LET M$(12)="22 OTHER INCOME
"
124 LET M$(13)="25 EMP,BUS. EXP
.(2105)"
126 LET M$(14)="26 IRA DEDUCTIO
N"
128 LET M$(15)="30 MARRIED OPLE
DED.(U)"
130 LET M$(16)="A1 MEDICINES AN
D DRUGS"
132 LET M$(17)="A2a DOC. AND IN
S. BILLS"
134 LET M$(18)="A2b MED. TRANSP
ORTATION"
136 LET M$(19)="A2c OTHER MED.
EXP."
138 LET M$(20)="A6 STATE INCOME
TAXES"
140 LET M$(21)="A7 REAL ESTATE
TAXES"
142 LET M$(22)="A8 EXTRA SALES
TAX"
144 LET M$(23)="A11 MORTGAGE IN
TEREST"
146 LET M$(24)="A12 CREDIT CARD
INT."
148 LET M$(25)="A15 CASH CONTRI
BUTIONS"
150 LET M$(26)="A16 OTHER CONTR
IB."
152 LET M$(27)="A19 THEFT,CASUA
LTY LOSS"
154 LET M$(28)="A20 UNION,PROF.
DUES"
156 LET M$(29)="A22 OTHER MISC.
DED."
158 LET M$(30)="A25 DEDUCTIONS
OFFSET"
160 LET M$(31)="39 ADDITIONAL T
AXES"
162 LET M$(32)="45+49 TAX CREDI
TS"
164 LET M$(33)="56 OTHER TAXES"
166 LET M$(34)="57 TAXES WITHEL
D"
168 LET M$(35)="58 TAX PREPAYME
NTS"
170 LET M$(36)="63 OTHER PAYMEN
TS"
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200 FOR I=1 TO 36
210 PRINT AT 9,1;"GIVE ";M$(I)
215 IF I=30 THEN GO SUB 38
220 INPUT U(I)
230 CLS
240 NEXT I
250 LET TI=0
260 FOR I=2 TO 12
270 LET TI=TI+U(I)
280 NEXT I
290 LET TA=U(13)+U(14)+U(15)
300 LET AGI=TI-TA
330 LET MY=U(16)+U(17)+U(18)+U(
19)
340 LET MD=MY-.05*AGI
350 IF MD<=0 THEN LET MD=0
360 IF AGI>=40000 THEN GO TO 40
0
370 PRINT " YOUR ADJUSTED GROSS
INCOME IS $";AGI;" FIND YOUR
SALES TAX FROM TABLE ON PAGE
36 AND ENTER IT."
380 INPUT ST
390 GO TO 410
400 LET ST=(1+INT ((AGI-40000)/
5000))*R(U(1))+S(U(1))
410 LET TD=0
420 FOR I=20 TO 29
430 LET TD=TD+U(I)
440 NEXT I
450 LET TD=TD+ST+MD
470 LET SD=TD-U(30)
480 LET TAXI=AGI-SD-1040*U(1)
490 IF TAXI>50000 THEN GO TO 54
0
500 CLS
510 PRINT " YOUR TAXABLE INCOME
IS $";TAXI;" USE TAX TABLES
ON PAGES 28-33. ENTER TAX."
520 INPUT TAX
530 GO TO 590
540 REM CALC. FOR MARRIED FILIN
G JOINTLY
550 LET TAX=10171.6
552 LET MIN=47670
554 LET TAXR=.38
556 IF TAXI<62450 THEN GO TO 58
0
558 LET TAX=15788
560 LET MIN=62450
562 LET TAXR=.42
564 IF TAXI<89090 THEN GO TO 58
0
566 LET TAX=26976.8
568 LET MIN=89090
570 LET TAXR=.45
580 LET TAX=TAX+TAXR*(TAXI-MIN)
582 LET TAX=(INT (100*TAX))/100
590 LET TTAX=TAX+U(31)-U(32)+U(
33)
600 LET TAXDUE=TTAX-U(34)-U(35)
-U(36)
610 CLS
620 PRINT AT 9,1;" SUMMARY 1983
FED. INCOME TAX"
622 PRINT AT 11,6;"INPUT DATA"
625 PAUSE 200
630 FOR I=1 TO 36
640 PRINT M$(I);TAB 24;U(I)
650 NEXT I
660 PRINT
666 PRINT " END OF INPUT DA
TA , Wait 5 seconds."
670 PAUSE 500
680 CLS
682 PRINT "SUMMARY OF RESULTS"
684 PRINT "1985 FEDERAL INCOME
TAX"
686 PRINT
690 PRINT "23 TOTAL INCOME";TAB
24;TI
700 PRINT "31 TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS
";TAB 24;TA
710 PRINT "32 ADJ. GROSS INCOME
";TAB 24;AGI

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720 PRINT "A5 MEDICAL DEDUCTION
";TAB 24;MD
730 PRINT "A8a SALES TAX";TAB 2
4;ST
740 PRINT "A24 TOTAL DEDUCTIONS
";TAB 24;TD
750 PRINT "A26 SUMMARY OF DEDUC
T.";TAB 24;SD
760 PRINT "37 TAXABLE INCOME";T
AB 24;TAXI
770 PRINT "38 TAX ON INCOME";TA
B 24;TAX
780 PRINT "56 TOTAL TAX";TAB 24
;TTAX
782 IF taxdue>0 THEN GO TO 790
784 LET op=-taxdue
786 PRINT "65 Overpaid!";TAB 24
;op
788 GO TO 800
790 PRINT "63 TAX DUE";TAB 24;T
AXDUE
800 PRINT
810 PRINT "IF PRINTOUT OF OUTPU
T IS DESIRED PRESS P, OTHERWISE
PRESS M FOR MENU ."
820 PAUSE 0: IF INKEY#<>"P" THE
N GO TO 50
824 COPY
826 GO TO 50
850 LPRINT "INPUT FOR 1985 FED.
INCOME TAX"
860 LPRINT
870 FOR I=1 TO 36
880 LPRINT M$(I);TAB 25;U(I)
890 NEXT I
891 LPRINT
892 LPRINT
893 LPRINT
894 LPRINT
900 GO TO 50
1000 FOR I=1 TO 36
1002 LPRINT I;" ";M$(I)
1004 NEXT I
1006 GO TO 50
9000 SAVE "TAX85" LINE 9002
9002 BEEP 1,1: BEEP .5,0: BEEP
.5,2
9004 GO TO 50

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Variable List

1	6F	NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS
2	7	SALARIES,WAGES,TIPS
3	8	INTEREST INCOME
4	9c	ADJUSTED DIVIDENDS
5	10	REFUND STATE INC.TAX
6	12	BUSINESS INCOME (C)
7	13	CAPITAL GAINS (D)
8	14	CAP. GAINS DIST.
9	16	TAXABLE PENSIONS
10	18	RENTS,ROYALTIES (E)
11	19	FARM INCOME (F)
12	22	OTHER INCOME
13	25	EMP.BUS. EXP.(2106)
14	26	IRA DEDUCTION
15	30	MARRIED CPLE DED.(W)
16	A1	MEDICINES AND DRUGS
17	A2a	DOC. AND INS. BILLS
18	A2b	MED. TRANSPORTATION
19	A2c	OTHER MED. EXP.
20	A6	STATE INCOME TAXES
21	A7	REAL ESTATE TAXES
22	A8	EXTRA SALES TAX
23	A11	MORTGAGE INTEREST
24	A12	CREDIT CARD INT.
25	A15	CASH CONTRIBUTIONS
26	A16	OTHER CONTRIB.
27	A19	THEFT,CASUALTY LOSS
28	A20	UNION,PROF. DUES
29	A22	OTHER MISC. DED.
30	A25	DEDUCTIONS OFFSET
31	39	ADDITIONAL TAXES
32	45+49	TAX CREDITS
33	56	OTHER TAXES
34	57	TAXES WITHHELD
35	58	TAX PREPAYMENTS
36	63	OTHER PAYMENTS

Richard Parker

REFERENCES: CATS Jan-Feb 85 and Oct 84.

TAX PREPARATION

INSTRUCTIONS

The MENU is the main driver of this program. In case of trouble enter GO TO MENU. Entering STOP in response to a MENU prompt will halt the program. Then enter GO TO RESTART.

The program contains formulas for the 1040 Tax Form and Forms A, E, SE, and U. It also has VA tax formulas. Changes for MD are shown later. The program shows the line numbers on the forms the data entries and calculations fit.

Only MENU operations 1, 5, or 7 may be chosen as initial responses. Operations 2, 3, 4, or 6 can follow the previous choice of 1. Operation 5 displays to either screen or printer and shows all the tax forms that have been setup with data. Operation 2 must be used with care as the initial query asks a very crucial question. A answer clears all the files and should be so answered the first time through a new tax computation, and answered no at all following times. Operation 3 shows only the current Form as selected in Operation 1. Operation 5 is similar for printer output. Operation 7 saves both the tax data and operating program. Any changes to tax data in Forms A, E, etc. will be reflected in the 1040 Form T.

The tax tables contain three items for each tax bracket; the bracket income limit, the tax rate, and the tax accumulated from lower brackets.

The adjustments shown in Form U are setup to minimize the large income with credit for IRA and rollovers, and splitting of Form E equally between both incomes. Form A is all assigned to the large income. This can be changed in line 9180.

Following are the changes for the MD tax.

Table with columns: Line No, Conversion, and numerical values. Includes rows for Change U to M, DATA, and Change U to M with various line numbers.

1 REM IRS1040 1985 R U Parker
IR32 @ 1984 M. Fisher
BASED ON J. R. Flanagan PROGRAM
REM
PRINT #1,AT 0,0; " HIT ANY
KEY TO CONTINUE " PAUSE 4
E4
5 LET M=0: LET NEU=1: LET YOR
N=700: LET SETUP=200: LET MENU=1
000: LET REST=000: LET RESTART=0
DIM F\$(7): DIM N\$(8,64): DIM X
(15): DIM P(15): DIM I(15): DIM
S(7): DIM D(7): DIM B(4): DIM H(
4): DIM U(4): DIM E(8): DIM F(6)
: POKE 23650,0
7 RESTORE : GO SUB 9000: GO S
UB 5000
10 GO TO MENU
20 REM *****READ SUB*****
30 FOR J=1 TO LEN R\$
40 IF R\$(J)="" THEN GO TO 50
45 IF R\$(J)="" THEN GO TO 500
48 IF R\$(J)="" THEN GO TO 600
50 NEXT J
55 LET P\$=R\$(TO J-1)
60 LET R\$=R\$(J+1 TO)
70 RETURN
80 REM *****PRINT SUB*****
100 LET POS=PR-LEN STR\$ INT TR
105 IF LPRINT=0 THEN GO TO 117
110 PRINT TAB POS;P\$(LEN P\$);TR
112 GO TO 120
117 LPRINT TAB POS;P\$(LEN P\$);T
R
115 PRINT TAB POS;P\$(LEN P\$);TR
120 POKE 23692,255
140 RETURN
150 REM *****INPUT*****
160 INPUT TR
170 GO SUB PRI
180 RETURN

190 REM *****SETUP*****
200 LET READ=20: LET POS=0
210 LET PRI=90: LET PR=20
220 DIM T(63): DIM A(7)
230 LET IN=160: LET T(1)=1
235 CLS : RESTORE
240 REM *****MAIN LOOP*****
250 FOR I=3 (F) TO D(F)
270 GO SUB READ
275 IF LPRINT=0 THEN GO TO 287
280 PRINT P\$(TO LEN P\$-1);
282 GO TO 290
287 LPRINT P\$(TO LEN P\$-1);
290 PRINT P\$(TO LEN P\$-1);
295 IF P\$(LEN P\$)="" THEN GO T
O 300
300 GO SUB IN
310 LET T(I)=TR
320 GO TO 450
400 GO SUB READ
410 LET T(I)=VAL P\$
420 LET TR=T(I)
430 LET P\$=""
440 GO SUB PRI
445 IF I=18 THEN PRINT : PRINT
LUE": " HIT ANY KEY TO CONTIN
UE": PAUSE 4E4: CLS : PRINT AT 2
,0
450 NEXT I
460 RETURN
500 REM **** FORM SELECTION ****
510 IF R\$(J-1)="" THEN GO TO 5
520 IF R\$(J-1)="" THEN GO TO 5
530 IF R\$(J-1)="" THEN GO TO 5
540 IF R\$(J-1)="" THEN GO TO 5
545 IF R\$(J-1)="" THEN GO TO 5
550 GO TO 50
555 LET P\$=R\$(TO J-2): IF A(2)
560 THEN GO TO 580
565 T(30)=0: LET T(50)=0
570 LET P\$=R\$(TO J-2): IF A(3)
575 THEN GO TO 610
580 LET T(34)=0
585 GO TO 70
620 LET P\$=R\$(TO J-2): IF A(4)
625 THEN GO TO 640
630 LET T(63)=0
635 GO TO 70
645 LET P\$=R\$(TO J-2): IF A(5)
650 THEN GO TO 670
655 LET T(60)=0: GO TO 70
660 LET T(8)=T(60): GO TO 70
665 LET P\$=R\$(TO J-2): IF A(6)
670 THEN GO TO 690
675 LET T(53)=0: LET T(54)=0
680 GO TO 70
700 REM ***** GET Y OR N *****
710 PRINT AT 21,0
720 POKE 23655,0: INPUT U\$
740 POKE 23655,0
750 IF U\$=INKEY\$ THEN GO TO 750
760 LET Q\$=U\$+U\$
770 IF Q\$="" OR Q\$="" THEN RE
TURN
780 PRINT #1,AT 0,0;"KEY ""Y""
OR ""N""
790 GO TO 720
800 REM ***** REST *****
810 PRINT AT 0,0;" HIT ANY KE
Y TO GO TO MENU " PAUSE 4E4:
CLS : GO TO MENU
1000 REM ***** MENU *****
1005 BEEP .5,10
1010 PRINT AT 0,0;" 1985 1040 T
AX RETURN PROGRAM";TAB 14;"MENU"
: " FIRST SELECT OPERATION (1) T
HEN SELECT OPERATION (2-4 or 6) "
1020 PRINT "SELECT FORMS A,E,SE,
U VA
1030 PRINT "ENTER NEW DATA";TAB
19;"2"
1040 PRINT "REVIEW OLD DATA";TAB
29;"3"
1050 PRINT "CHANGE DATA";TAB 29;
"4"
1060 PRINT "DISPLAY RESULTS";TAB
29;"5"
1070 PRINT "PRINT RESULTS";TAB 2
9;"6"
1080 PRINT "SAVE DATA";TAB 29;"7"
1090 PRINT AT 20,0;TAB 6;"ENTER
MENU SELECTION";"U
INT AT 21,5;"YOU HAVE SELECTED F
ORM " FLASH 1;(F); FLASH 0
1100 POKE 23692,255: INPUT M
1105 IF M<1 OR M>7 THEN GO TO 10
00
1110 GO TO (1200+200*(M-1))
1200 REM *** FORM SELECTION ***
1210 CLS : PRINT " DO YOU WANT T
O WORK ON FORMS A,E,SE, U O
R VA (Y OR N) " GO SUB YORN
1220 CLS : PRINT " DO YOU WANT T
O WORK ON MAIN FORM 1040? (Y
OR N) " GO SUB YORN
1240 IF Q\$="" THEN CLS : LET F=
7: GO TO MENU
1250 LET A(1)=1: LET R\$=T\$(TO L
EN T\$): LET F=1: CLS : GO TO MEN
U
1260 CLS : INPUT "INPUT FORM DES
IGNER #S: U OR U " I\$
1265 IF F=2 TO 6
1280 FOR F\$=F TO 6
+10*F
1290 NEXT F
1300 PRINT AT 21,0;" SELECT FORM
FOR WORK
U OR U " INPUT I\$, E
1310 GO TO 1270
1320 LET R\$=R\$+I\$ TO LEN R\$): LET
F=2: GO TO 1365

1330 LET R\$=E\$(TO LEN E\$): LET
F=3: GO TO 1365
1340 LET R\$=S\$(TO LEN S\$): LET
F=4: GO TO 1365
1350 LET R\$=U\$(TO LEN U\$): LET
F=5: GO TO 1365
1360 LET R\$=V\$(TO LEN V\$): LET
F=6
1365 CLS : LET A(F)=F: PRINT AT
0,0;"YOU HAVE SELECTED FORM "
FLASH 1;F*(F); FLASH 0: PRINT AT
1,0
1370 GO TO REST
1400 REM ***** NEW DATA *****
LPRINT=0
1420 CLS : PRINT " THIS MENU OPT
ION CAN ERASE ALL FILES. DO YO
U WANT TO DO THIS? (Y OR N) "
1430 GO SUB YORN
1435 CLS : PRINT AT 0,0
1440 IF Q\$="" THEN GO SUB 240:
1445 PRINT 0,0
1450 LET NEU=0: GO SUB 190: GO T
O REST
1600 REM ***** REVIEW *****
1610 LET LPRINT=0: LET NEU=0
1620 CLS : PRINT AT 0,0: LET R\$=
N\$(F)+R\$
1630 LET IN=1700
1640 GO SUB 240: GO TO REST
1700 LET TR=T(I)
1710 GO SUB PRI
1720 RETURN
1800 REM ***** REVISE *****
1805 LET NEU=1: LET LPRINT=0
1810 LET IN=1900
1820 CLS : PRINT "WANT TO REVISE
FIGURES? (Y OR N) "
1825 GO SUB YORN
1830 IF Q\$="" THEN GO TO MENU
1835 CLS : PRINT AT 0,0: LET R\$=
N\$(F)+R\$
1850 GO SUB 240: GO TO REST
1900 LET TR=T(I)
1910 GO SUB PRI
1920 PRINT " OK? (Y OR N) "
1930 GO SUB YORN
1935 IF I-3(F)<18 THEN PRINT AT
I-3(F)+3,0
1935 IF I-5(F)=18 THEN CLS
1937 IF I-5(F)=18 THEN PRINT AT
Y-5(F)-15,0
1940 IF Q\$="" THEN RETURN
1950 PRINT AT 21,0;"ENTER NEW VA
LUE": IF I-5(F)<18 THEN PRINT AT
I-5(F)+2,24: GO SUB 150
1951 IF I-5(F)=18 THEN PRINT AT
I-5(F)-16,24: GO SUB 150
1955 IF I-5(F)<18 THEN PRINT A
T 21,0
T I-5(F)+3,0
1955 IF I-5(F)=18 THEN PRINT AT
21,0;" PRINT
AT I-5(F)-15,0
1960 RETURN
2000 REM ***** DISPLAY *****
2010 LET NEU=0: LET IN=1700: LET
REST=000: LET LPRINT=0
2020 CLS : PRINT "DO YOU WANT A
PRINT COPY? (Y OR N) "
2030 GO SUB YORN
2040 IF Q\$="" THEN LET LPRINT=1
2050 FOR F=1 TO 6
2060 IF A(F)=0 THEN GO TO 2090
2070 GO TO 2100+10*F
2080 PRINT #1,AT 0,0;"HIT ANY KE
Y TO CONTINUE": PAUSE 4E4
2090 NEXT F
2100 LET REST=000: GO TO REST
2110 LET R\$=T\$(TO LEN T\$): GO T
O 1200
2120 LET R\$=R\$(TO LEN R\$): GO T
O 1200
2130 LET R\$=E\$(TO LEN E\$): GO T
O 1200
2140 LET R\$=S\$(TO LEN S\$): GO T
O 1200
2150 LET R\$=U\$(TO LEN U\$): GO T
O 1200
2160 LET R\$=V\$(TO LEN V\$): GO T
O 1200
2200 REM ***** LPRINT *****
2210 LET LPRINT=1
2220 CLS : LET R\$=N\$(F)+R\$
2230 GO TO 1630
2400 REM ***** SAVE *****
2410 SAVE "IR52" LINE 1000
2420 CLS : GO TO MENU
4200 LET N\$(1)=" 1040 TAX C
ALCULATIONS "
4210 LET N\$(2)=" ITEMIZED D
EDUCTIONS "
4220 LET N\$(3)=" RENT, ROYALTY
, ETC INCOME "
4230 LET N\$(4)=" SELF EMPLO
YED SOCIAL SECURI
TY TAX "
4240 LET N\$(5)="INCOME SPLIT FOR
WORK DEDUCTION AND ST
ATE TAX "
4250 LET N\$(6)=" VA STA
TE TAX "
4260 RETURN
4300 REM ***** LOAD TABLES *****
43000 FOR K=1 TO 15
43010 READ X(K): READ P(K): READ
(K)
43015 FOR K=1 TO 7
43020 READ S(K): READ D(K): READ
F\$(K): NEXT K
43025 FOR K=1 TO 4
43030 READ B(K): READ H(K): READ
U(K): NEXT K
43035 FOR K=1 TO 6
43040 READ E(K): READ F(K): NEXT
K

Contd. on next pg.

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6050 REM MARRIED TAXPAYERS JOINT
      RETURNS TAX TABLE
6050 DATA @.0,0.3540,.11,0.5720,
      .12,239.0
6070 DATA 7910,.14,502.6,12390..
      15,1129.0,18650,.16,1811.4
6080 DATA 21020,.22,2590.25000..
      25,3650.0,31120,.23,4885.8
6090 DATA 31120,.23,4885.8
      35,5017.1,6,62450,.23,47870
      40,62450,.23,47870
      45,26078.8,1135
      50,.49,38123.3,189020,.5,65703.3
5105 REM FORM DIMENSIONS
      IN T-ARRAY
5110 DATA 1,24,"T",35,50,"A",25,
      34,"E",61,63,"SE",65,60,"U",61,5
      0,"VA",0,0,""
5120 REM STATE TAX TABLES
5130 DATA @.02,0.3000,.03,60,50
      00,.05,120,12000,.0575,470
5140 DATA 263,13,277,14,336,17,3
      5,18,19,402,20
5150 RETURN
6000 REM ** TABLE SELECTION **
6010 IF R$(J-1)="" THEN GO TO 5
6020 IF R$(J-1)="U" THEN GO TO 6
6030 IF R$(J-1)="A" THEN GO TO 6
6035 IF R$(J-1)="G" THEN GO TO 6
6040 PRINT "ERROR IN TABLE SELEC
      TION (6030)"
6050 GO TO 70
6055 REM FEDERAL TAX CALCULATION
6060 FOR K=15 TO 1 STEP -1
6100 IF T(10)>X(K) THEN GO TO 6
      130
6110 NEXT K
6120 LET K=1
6130 LET T(10)=INT (((T(10)-X(K)
      )+K)/100)+100/100
6140 LET P=R$( TO J-2): GO TO 7
      0
6200 REM STATE TAX CALCULATION
6210 FOR K=4 TO 1 STEP -1
6220 IF (T(60)+T(59)-600+T(22))>
      =B(K) THEN GO TO 6250
6230 NEXT K
6240 LET K=1
6250 LET T(51)=INT (((T(60)+T(59)
      )-600+T(22))+H(K)+U(K))+100
      /100
6260 LET P=R$( TO J-2): GO TO 7
      0
6310 FOR K=4 TO 1 STEP -1
6320 IF (T(57)-(T(1)-1)+600+T(3)
      -T(7))-T(22))>B(K) THEN GO TO 63
      50
6330 NEXT K
6340 LET K=1
6350 LET T(52)=INT (((T(57)-(T(1)
      )-1)+600+T(3)-T(7)-T(22)-B(K))+H
      (K)+U(K))+100/100
6360 LET P=R$( TO J-2): GO TO 7
      0
6400 LET UG5=INT (((INT (T(10)-
      40001)/5000)+1)*F(T(1))+E(T(1)+
      05))/100/100
6410 IF UG5<=0 THEN GO TO 6440
6420 LET T(41)=UG5
6430 LET P=R$( TO J-2): GO TO 7
      0
6440 LET P=R$( TO J-2): GO TO 6
      0
6900 REM ***** TAX FORMS *****
6901 REM FEDERAL TAX FORM 1040
6900 LET T$="NO OF EXEMPTIONS(L6
      )"; UAGES(L7); INTEREST INCOME(L8
      ); ST TX REFUND(L10); PENSION,
      ROLL-OVERS(L17);
6901 REM SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME
6910 LET E$="RENTAL INCOME(L3a,E
      ); RENT COMMISSION(L7,E); RENT I
      NSURANCE(L8,E); RENT INTEREST(L1
      0,E); RENT REPAIRS(L12,E);
6911 REM
6920 LET E$=E$+"RENT TAXES(L14,E
      ); RENTAL EXPENSE(L15,E); T(28)+
      T(27)+T(26)+T(29)+T(30); RENT DEP
      RECIAT(L10,E); RENTAL COSTS(L20
      E); T(31)+T(32); NET RENT INCOME(L
      21); T(25)-T(33);

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9021 REM FORM 1040 CONT.
9030 LET T$=T$+"TOTAL INCOME+C+E
      (L23); FWT(2)+T(3)+T(4)+T(5)+T(34
      )+T(51); IRA DEDUCTION(L26); MARRI
      AGE DED.(L30); FWT(60); TOTAL ADJ
      USTMENT(L31); F(T(7)+T(8)); ADJ GROS
      S INC.(L32); F(T(6)-T(9));
9031 REM ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS
9040 LET A$="DR. DENT, INS(L2a,A)
      ); MED. XPORTATION(L2b,A); OTHER
      MEDICAL(L2,C,A); TOTAL MEDICAL(L3
      A); F(T(35)+T(36)+T(37));
9041 REM
9050 LET A$=A$+"ST. LOC. INC. TAX
      (L6,A); REAL ESTATE TAX(L7,A); G
      ENERAL SALES(L8,A); FG&T(41); OTHER
      TAXES(L9,A);
9051 REM
9060 LET A$=A$+"TOTAL TAXES(L10,
      A); F(T(39)+T(40)+T(41)+T(42); MORT
      INTEREST(L11,A); FINANCE CHARGE
      S(L14); TOTAL INTEREST(L14,A); F
      (T(43)+T(46));
9061 REM
9070 LET A$=A$+"CONTRIBUTIONS(L1
      0,A); CASUALTY, THEFT(L19,A); TO
      TAL MISCELL.(L23,A); ITEMIZED
      (U/O MED); F(T(43)+T(46)+T(47)+T(4
      8)+T(49)+T(50));
9071 REM 1040 CONT.
9080 LET T$=T$+"MEDICAL HIM.(L4,
      A); INT(100+T(10)+.05)/100; MEDI
      CAL DED.(L5,A); FAS(T(38)-T(11))+
      (T(38)-T(11))/0; TOTAL DEDUCT.(L
      2,A); F(T(12)+T(15));
9081 REM
9090 LET T$=T$+"FIL. STAT. 2.5(L
      25,A); F(3540); NET DEDUCT.(L26,A); L3
      4a); F(T(13)-T(14))+((T(13)-T(14)
      )/0); NET INCOME(L35)=F(T(10)-T(1
      5)); EXEMPTIONS(L36); F(T(1)+1040); TA
      XIBLE INCOME(L37); F(T(16)-T(17));
9091 REM
9100 LET T$=T$+"TAX(L38); FT&T(19);
      TAX CREDITS(L49); TOTAL WAGE+55
      TAX(L50); F. INT (T(19)-T(20))+10
      0/100+T(63);
9101 REM
9110 LET T$=T$+"SMALL INCOME VA
      TAX DEDS.; FED. TAX WITHHELD(L57);
      ""="REFUND:"""="PAYF; INT (T(2
      1)-T(23))+100/100";
9111 REM WORKING MARRIED COUPLE
9120 LET U$="LARGER INCOME(L1a,U
      ); ADJUSTMENT(L55,U); F. INT (T(55)
      )+.5*(T(24)+T(61))+100/100; SMA
      LLER INCOME(L1b,U); F(T(2)-T(56)); A
      DJUSTMENT(L5b,U); INT (T(58)+T
      (34)+T(61))+.5/100/100; DEDUCTI
      ON(L6,U); INT (T(59)+.01+100)/
      100;
9121 REM VA TAX FORM
9200 LET U$="SMALL INCOME TAX(UA
      ); FWT(11); LARGE INCOME TAX(UA
      ); FWT(82); VA TAX(16,17); F(T(51
      )+T(52)); VA TAX WITHHELD(UA,15); F
      ; T(39); FED+VA PAYMENT SUM
      + YOU PAY. - YOU GET; T(24
      )+T(53)-T(54);
9201 REM SELF EMPLOYED FORM
9210 LET S$="SE INCOME(L32,C,L2,
      SE); SE TAX INCOME(L13,SE); F(T(1
      61)-39500+T(2))+((39500-T(21))/
      100)+((39500-T(21))/100)+((39500-T
      (21))/100); SE 55 TAX(L14,SE)
      ); F. INT (T(62)-39500/0)+T(62)+11
      .0+(39500-T(62))/0)+39500+11.0/1
      00;
9200 GO TO 4200

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1985 1040 TAX RETURN PROGRAM
      MENU
FIRST SELECT OPERATION (1), THEN
SELECT OPERATION (2-4 of 6)
SELECT FORMS A,E,SE,T,U,VA 1
ENTER NEW DATA 2
REVIEW OLD DATA 3
CHANGE DATA 4
DISPLAY RESULTS 5
PRINT RESULTS 6
SAVE DATA 7
ENTER MENU SELECTION

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1040 TAX CALCULATIONS
NO OF EXEMPTIONS(L6) 3
UAGES(L7) $60000
INTEREST INCOME(L8) $200
ST TX REFUND(L10) $400
PENSION, ROLL-OVERS(L17) $0
TOTAL INCOME+C+E(L23) $55043
IRA DEDUCTION(L26) $2000
MARRIAGE DED.(L30) $1772.15
TOTAL ADJUSTMENT(L31) $3772.15
ADJ GROSS INC.(L32) $62270.85
MEDICAL HIM.(L4,A) $3113.54
MEDICAL DED.(L5,A) $0
TOTAL DEDUCT.(L24,A) $100.00
FIL. STAT. 2.5(L25,A) $3540
NET DEDUCT.(L26,A;L34a) $5531
NET INCOME(L35) $55739.85
EXEMPTIONS(L36) $3120
TAXIBLE INCOME(L37) $52619.85
TAX(L38) $12052.54
TAX CREDITS(L49) $0
TOTAL WAGE+55 TAX(L50) $12052.54
SMALL INCOME VA TAX DED $0.00
FED TAX WITHHELD(L57) $12000
"="REFUND:"""="PAYF $52.54
ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS
DR. DENT, INS(L2a,A) $750
MED. XPORTATION(L2b,A) $25
OTHER MEDICAL(L2c,A) $150
TOTAL MEDICAL(L2,C,A) $925
REAL ESTATE TAX(L7,A) $3000
GENERAL SALES(L8,A) $1700
OTHER TAXES(L9,A) $421
TOTAL TAXES(L10,A) $2000
MORT INTEREST(L11,A) $321
FINANCE CHARGES(L12,A) $2000
TOTAL INTEREST(L14,A) $2400
CONTRIBUTIONS(L15,A) $1550
CASUALTY, THEFT(L19,A) $0
TOTAL MISCELL.(L23,A) $500
ITEMIZED (U/O MED) $10071
RENT, ROYALTY, ETC INCOME
RENTAL INCOME(L3a,E) $3120
RENT COMMISSION(L7,E) $312
RENT INSURANCE(L8,E) $55
RENT INTEREST(L10,E) $150
RENT REPAIRS(L12,E) $300
RENT TAXES(L14,E) $1500
RENTAL EXPENSE(L15,E) $2027
RENT DEPRECIAT(L19,E) $350
RENTAL COSTS(L20,E) $2677
NET RENT INCOME(L21) $443
SELF EMPLOYED
SE SOCIAL SECURITY TAX
SE INCOME(L32,C;L2,SE) $5000
SE TAX INCOME(L13,SE) $0
SE 55 TAX(L14,SE) $0
INCOME SPLIT FOR WORK DEDUCTION
AND STATE TAX
LARGER INCOME(L1a,U) $45000
ADJUSTMENT(L5a,U) $47721.5
SMALLER INCOME(L1b,U) $15000
ADJUSTMENT(L5b,U) $17721.5
DEDUCTION(L6,U) $1772.15
VA STATE TAX
SMALL INCOME TAX(UA,13) $259.85
LARGE INCOME TAX(UA,13) $2347.00
VA TAX(16,17) $3217.87
VA TAX WITHHELD(UA,15) $3000
FED+VA PAYMENT SUM
+ YOU PAY. - YOU GET $270.41

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More Machine Code Bits

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SET CURSOR (7 bytes)
This routine is identical to
PRINT AT.
cl=column rw=row
01 rw cl LD BC, rw cl
CD F5 08 CALL 08F5
C9 RET
PRINT CHARACTER (4 bytes)
This routine prints a character
on the screen.
nn=hex code of character
3E nn LD A,nn
D7 RST 10
C9 RET

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PRINT STRING (10 bytes)
This routine prints a string.
dd=low byte ee=most
addr=hex addr where string
starts
length=hex length of string
11 dd ee LD DE,addr
01 dd ee LD BC,length
CD 68 0B CALL 0B6B
C9 RET
SLOW (4 bytes)
Same as SLOW
CD 2B 0F CALL 0F2B
C9 RET

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1040 on the 1000
VU-CALC Edition
 by Al Strauss

This VU-CALC program will accept your data and do the necessary computations to figure tax due line 68 or refund due line 65.

First, fill the VU-CALC spreadsheet with zeroes. When VU-CALC is loaded and you are faced with the menu, hit EDIT, STOP, then Enter. Now enter the following lines:

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9500 FOR I=2 TO 8424 STEP 9
9510 LET B$(I)="0"
9520 NEXT I
9530 STOP
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Enter FAST mode, and use GOTO 9500. Before you go back to the program, delete these lines. Restart VU-CALC by using GOTO 1, and select C-continue from the menu. [Ed. note - if you have more than 16K RAM you can leave the lines in, but you MUST use E-enter new template.]

If you are on social security you must complete the front of form 1040 to adjusted gross income (Column 05 in VU-CALC) to have the necessary data to enter amounts into column 07. After completing column 07 you enter the amount from line 11 SS into amount for line 21 B 1040. Line 11 amount SSA = Box L07. Line 21B amount 1040 = Box Q02. Then go back to col 03 and calculate formula in box C03. If social security is not needed, go straight to column 09, as SS figures will not affect computation.

Layout of 1040 VU-CALC template

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COL 01..LINE NOS. 6F AND 7 TO
      23, TOTAL INCOME.
COL 02..AMOUNTS FOR COL 01
COL 03..TOTALS COL 02
COL 04..LINE NOS. 24 TO 32
      ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME
COL 05..AMOUNTS FOR COL 04
COL 06..LINES 1 TO 11 SSA 1099
COL 07..AMOUNTS COL 06
COL 08..LINE NOS 1 TO 19
      SCHEDULE A
COL 09..AMOUNTS COL 08
COL 10..LINES 20 TO 26
COL 11..AMOUNTS COL 10
COL 12..LINES NOS. 33 TO 50
      1040 TAX COMPUTATION
COL 13..AMOUNTS COL 12
COL 14..LINE NOS. 51 TO 68
      1040 TAX COMPUTATION
COL 15..AMOUNT COL 14
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CRYPTOGRAM Solution:

I'VE HEARD OF HALLEY'S COMET ALL MY LIFE
 IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME THAT I WOULD HAVE
 TO WATCH IT ON TELEVISION

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C03 B03+C02 REL TO ROW S
I05 B05+C05+D05+E05+F05+G05+H05
REL EXIT GET SET BOX 015
J05 S03-I05
C07 B07/2
D07 S03-Q02
F07 C07+D07+E07
REL EXIT GET SET BOX E11
G07 I05-H05
H07 F07-G07
J07 (I07<H07)*(H07-I07)
K07 J07/2
L07 (K07<C07)*K07+(C07<K07)*C07
F09 B09+C09+D09+E09
REL EXIT GET SET BOX
      S09,X09,R13
G09 J05*.05
H09 (F09>G09)*(F09-G09)
N09 I09+J09+K09+L09+M09
F11 H09+N09+S09+X09+Y09+E11

H11 (F11>G11)*(F11-G11)
B13 J05
C13 H11
F13 D13+E13
REL EXIT GET SET BOX
      J13,M13,U13
G13 F13/2
H13 B13-C13
I13 B02*1040
S13 M13-D13
U13 (S13>U13)*(S13-U13)
G15 U13+B15+C15+D15+E15+F15
P15 (015>G15)*(015-G15)
R15 (G15>015)*(G15-015)
S15 (015>G15)*(015-G15)
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MINI XMOD REVIEW

by Mel Richardson
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I bought a new terminal program called "MINI XMOD". It promised to up/download Timex programs for 16 or 64K machines, something that MTERM will not do for the TS1000 or ZX81. It is available for Westridge or Byte-Back MODEMS.

XMOD will do this and more. The user can toggle a SAVE function at will and store anything displayed on screen for later viewing or printout. Since the program resides either above ramtop or in low memory with 64K, a Timex/ZX81 program can be downloaded and run or saved to tape or printer. I found that I could download Apple routines and send them to the printer. With 64K, quite a long session can be saved and viewed at leisure offline. E-Mail can be composed and programs prepared for uploading before connecting.

XMOD will not auto-dial or answer as MTERM will but I find XMOD easier to operate in all functions. It is also easily converted to fast load formats. Thirteen 8.5 x 11 inch pages provide thorough documentation.

For those with T/S/ZX modems feeling shortchanged by the software, I highly recommend MINI XMOD.

MINI XMOD for Westridge or Byte-Back MODEMS: (specify make) \$20.00 (includes p&h) to Weymil Corporation, PO Box 5904, Bellingham WA 98227-5904

Ed Note: I understand that MINI XMOD is an adaption of XMOD, a public domain CPM modem driver program.

Tales From the Chip..

(or, One Down, One to Go.)

by Mark Fisher

As you may have heard, I zapped my 2068 a month ago. I hope that some readers may find the story of its repair instructive, or at least entertaining.

John Conger was kind enough to loan his machine so that the Feb. newsletter could go out, and in the meantime, I bought a second 2068 to use. Normally, the next step would be sending the offending 2068 back to Timex. Unfortunately, the machine I have been using is a fully socketed prototype, and Timex Little Rock said that there was no way they could repair the same machine and return it. They are no longer repairing damaged 2068's, they said. They have a backlog of rebuilt 2068's which they send out in exchange when a damaged machine is returned for repair.

All right then, plan two: I decided to try fixing my 2068 myself. First, I substituted the easiest chips to find. I had one of Tom Bent's "fixed" exROMs installed in the machine; perhaps that blew. I replaced it with the original exROM; no change. I replaced the Z80; no change. I tried subbing a Spectrum ROM for the home ROM (being careful here; allowing for the fact that my Spectrum "ROM" is actually an EPROM with slightly different pinouts); still no go.

It looked like I was going to have to start buying chips. The LS245 buffer chips often absorb voltage spikes. I picked up two buffer chips (74LS245) from Mark Electronics, and replaced them; no change. The memory chips are a little hard to find (150 ns 4416's). Electronics Plus and Mark Electronics drew a blank. I tried swapping adjacent chips; no change.

In a fit of deduction, I decided that it must be the SCLD. They are unavailable, but there was a known good one in my replacement machine, and John hadn't picked his 2068 up yet. How to get it off? I was afraid of desoldering wick lifting the traces, but I heard of a chemical that would dissolve solder, leaving the circuit board intact. I got some from a friend's employer; it turned out to contain 40% hydrogen peroxide. I wasn't able to use it 'till two days later. When I reached for the vial, it had vanished, leaving only a white crystalline coating on the vial. Hrrumph!

Enough Mr. Nice Guy; I decided to use solder wick and peel the SCLD off. It actually wasn't very hard. I coated the wick with extra flux, and trimmed it as soon as it started to load up with solder. I then used an Exacto Knife to separate the leads from the board. The leads curl back under the chip, but the socket on my board makes contact with the sides of the leads, and the few ends I cut off didn't affect the chip. I put the new chip in the SCLD socket: no change. Oh, well. Did I damage the SCLD in removing it? Probably not; the screen pattern was the same with either chip.

In talking with Tom Bent, we realized that there are three other chips that control addressing: the LS244 that hides under the extra board on most machines, and two LS157's. I picked them up from Electronics Plus, and subbed them; no change.

We had also noticed that the memory chips were wired as pairs U6-7, U13-14, U17-18. Further, the pairs are not

side-by-side on the board; my chip swapping hadn't really moved anything important before. I tried moving the 17-18 pair to 6-7 and WOW!! I got the Timex logo! No response to the keyboard however. I looked around; my backup 2068 was going to have to wait 'till I could get a socket for the SCLD anyway...

Using a solder sucker, I lifted the excess solder from around the legs of the 4416 RAM chips. The suction doesn't leave the chip leads loose in the board, but it leaves the joints very weak - I then loosened them with the exacto, and levered them out of position on the board. A little careful prying under each chip got them out with only one loss. The "new" 4416's replaced U13-14, and I . T W . O . R . K . E . D . !

Where am I now? My original machine is operating. My backup is down, until I find a supplier for "68 pin leadless chip carriers (surface mount)." They are hard to find; the one I have is made by AMP, but has no part#. There is a manufacturer in Illinois; I'm not sure what their minimum order will be. Haven't found any local sources. I'll also need replacement 4416's, and sockets. If worst comes to worst, I'll return it to Timex to fix.

Moral? These things are fixable. Your machine may not be socketed, but chips can be removed without damage, and sockets are cheap when time comes to plug them back in. Lastly, if you're going to send a machine back to Timex, let me know first; with or without the chips, it'll just be scrapped anyway.

It sure feels good to have my good old sticky keyboard back!

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A Mathematical Hint

by Murray & Caroline Barasch

When trying to sum an alternating series (terms successively positive and negative), it would seem natural to use the factor $(-1)^n$. However, your 2068 will squawk "INVALID ARGUMENT" Naturally, it evaluates B^A as $EXP(B * LN(A))$, and the logarithm of a negative number is complex, a no-no for any computer not alerted to handle complex numbers. The way out is to use, instead, a factor $COS(N * PI)$.

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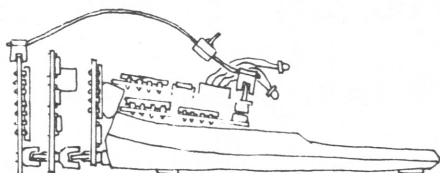
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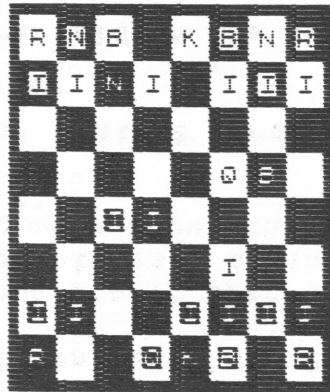
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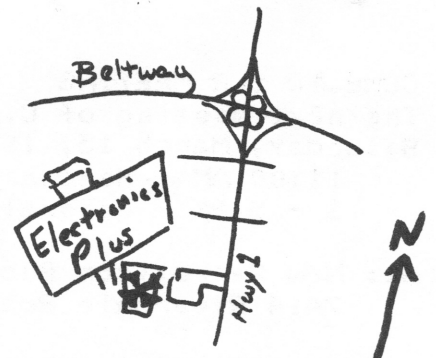
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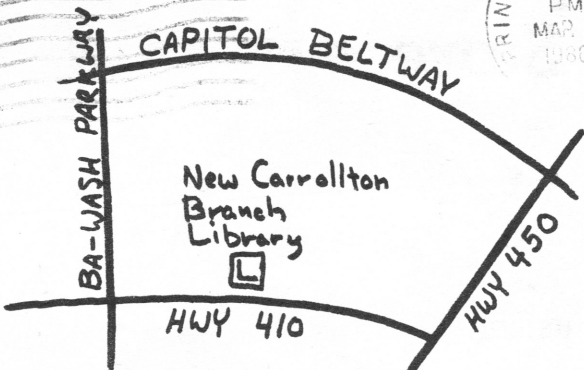
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